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News worth sharing.



City set for dose of weather reality

The recent balmy weather that enticed folks like Drake out of their homes is coming to an end. Temperatures are expected to drop over the next couple of days and 10 centimetres of snow could fall on the city within the next 24 hours.

B.C. teens aren't talking

RCMP says 'code of silence' is slowing assault probe {page 6}

Opting out of tablet race?

Microsoft seems reluctant to challenge Apple's iPad {page 12}

Transit's GPS era not far off

Mediumrare launched Next Stop app in December
 Screens with real-time tracking will be installed at C-Train platforms, along major bus routes



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Commuters will soon have a real-time look at where their train or bus is as Calgary Transit prepares to roll out its GPS system.

Ron Collins of Calgary Transit said GPS installation in trains could be done this spring.

"It's part of our whole way to introduce new technology into the whole system and make things easier for customers," said Collins, adding GPS tracking will be installed on C-Trains starting this April.

By June 2012, Collins said, they should have GPS on bus rapid transit, and by December 2012, all buses should be equipped.

Leigh McDonald of Mediumrare, the Calgary company that designed the recently released Calgary Transit smartphone application, said they hope to incorporate the tracking into their app.

"The nice thing is, we can go to the technology company that's doing the

An apt app for commuters

- The Next Stop app costs 0.99 cents to download.
- More than 1,000 people have downloaded the app since it launched in mid-December.
- Leigh McDonald and Bryan Maniotakis of Mediumrare said they are working on Phase 2 the app, which would include an alert system and map functionality.

tracking and say, can we have the information from your tracking and pull it in to the application," said McDonald. Ward 9 Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra, who sits

Ward 9 Ald. Gian-Carlo Carra, who sits on the city's land-use, planning and transportation committee, said this technology is another way to advance Calgary Transit.

"We want to transition to a system where you're taking transit because you're making the choice," he said. "(It's) hugely important."



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Police search for sex assault suspect

Police began canvassing the northeast neighbourhood of Saddleridge Thursday night in hopes of finding information on the whereabouts of a man wanted in connection with two sexual assaults.

Staff Sgt. Dave Louie of the Sex Crimes Unit said investigators believe an incident that occurred on Dec. 27 at a northeast pet store is connected to a similar one in July 2009.

"The reason why we have extra man power here tonight is we believe the suspect lives in the area,' said Louie.

The man is described as possibly being of South Asian descent and between 20 and 30 years old with black hair.



Calgary police have deemed Tuesday's suspicious death a homicide — marking the city's second murder of the

An autopsy identified 36year-old Joel Zalsos as the victim. However, police are not revealing how Zalsos

Police were called to a northwest home shortly before noon on Tuesday and once inside they found Zalsos's body.

No arrests have been made and investigators are asking anyone with information about the homicide to come forward.

Tips can be made anonymously to Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477 or online at tttTIPS.com.



Locals leery of cell antennas

Ward 6 alderman says most emails he's received are regarding perceived health issues • Adds issues related to health fall under federal jurisdiction

Residents of a southwest neighbourhood say they feel "powerless" regarding the potential installation of cellular antennas in their community.

Wind Mobile has sub-

mitted an application to install three freestanding antennas on top of Ambrose University College in the community of Springborough — a proposition that concerns resident Trish Scott. "We feel like we're go-

ing to get chased out of our neighbourhood," said Scott, adding she's worried about potential health haz-

As the mother of a sixmonth-old, Scott said she and her husband would consider moving if the antennas are erected.

Residents' association president Fiona Chris-tensen said there has been very little discussion about the issue with residents.

"The whole consultation

process should have gone ahead," she said. "I don't even know if we can stop this, I really don't."

Paul Spilsbury of Ambrose University College said they wouldn't want to put the neighbourhood in harm's way.

"We wouldn't do anything that we thought was unsafe," he said. "I guess we're relying on the regulatory process to protect us all from that."

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Meeting?

- Ward 6 Ald. Richard Pootmans said he is hoping to tween Wind Mobile and residents of the community later this month.
- He said the antennas are will be camouflaged.

- set up a public meeting be-
- the size of a flagpole and
- 'There's a lot of upset people and there's been a lot of misinformation spread around," he said.

Stem cell exhibit goes beyond black and white

If you thought stem cell research and art had nothing in common, think again.

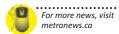
University of Alberta researchers have organized a multimedia exhibition on the controversial bio-sci-ence technology, bringing visual artists from Europe and North America to the Glenbow Museum in Calgary for a unique look at 10 The number of participating artists in the display.

Perceptions of Promise: Biotechnology, Society and Art features a sculpture made from scans of human embryos, a tent with images of human cells, and

drawings of one of the

artist's chromosomes.

Brothers Sean and Tim Caulfield of the U of A say this exhibit will offer a more nuanced, reflective look at the polarizing debate. It runs at the Glenbow until March 20. metro



News in brief

Mall lands Tiffanv's

JEWELRY. Chinook Centre is about to land a little more bling.

The south Calgary mall will soon house Tiffany Co. as the company plans to open a 4,100-squarefoot store in a newly con-

structed wing.
The store is planned to open this spring. • METRO

Laser pointer case progresses

CRIME. Calgary police say they are making headway in a case of a green laser pointer being used to target aircraft in the city's southwest.

Police are looking for a dark SUV and they believe the owner of the pointer had a dog.

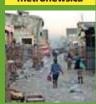
They are canvassing nearby communities for more information.





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ASSESSMENT

It's one of those annual rites of passage in Calgary. Early in every new year each Calgary property owner opens their property assessment and promptly proclaims "my house isn't worth that much!"

nose who feel the value listed is more than their property is worth scream it from the roof tops and often appeal to the City of Calgary using as many dirty words as possible. Others who find their property undervalued either snicker to themselves and hope no one notices, or dread the day they sell, fearing they'll only get a pittance of what they think they

Either way, no one is ever happy after opening that envelope and everyone remarks what a terrible job the City of Calgary did in putting a dollar figure to their cherished home.

The problem is - and this is hard to wrap your head around — it doesn't matter how much the city says your home is worth. That dollar value isn't important; it's just a multiplier needed to figure out what share of the tax burden you should pay in relation to everyone else in Calgary. As a result everyone gets mad at entirely the wrong thing.
What is more important is how that listed value

compares to your neighbours' value.

Don't get me wrong, the city brings the pain on themselves. The percentage of Calgary's property value you own does not need to be viewed as a dollar amount, but they choose to show it to you like that; thus leading to all the misdirected confusion and anger. Marc Doll, a local realtor says, "You wouldn't believe how much time I have to spend teaching people that the city valuations are not market value."

So this year, forgo the anger at the "value" of your

home and instead visit calgary.ca/assessment and view what others are paying. You can even search your neighbours properties to see if you're paying your fair share compared to them.

Then ask yourself — "Is there a better way to do this?" A topic for another day.

Kitty campaign for special year



Humane Society takes in around 5,500 cats every year City of Calgary had over 870 cats in 2009



With 2011 being the Year of the Cat, three Calgary organizations will be utilizing the next 12 months to address the issue of cat overpopulation. The Calgary Humane

Society, in partnership with the City of Calgary's animal services and the MEOW Foundation will be putting on a series of events this year to bring awareness to the problem

"I think it's important for the organizations to partner up with this initiative just because it gives you of a broad perspective on the severity of the situation because it is quite sesaid Desiree Arsenault of the Human

"(The Year of the Cat

Awareness

- All three organizations will be holding an adoption campaign in May and December.
- Sept. 23 through Oct. 2 is National Cat ID Week, which seeks to give all cats a permanent identification.

campaign is) an awareness campaign in order to bring the status of the cat to a bit of a higher level."

Bill Bruce of bylaw and animal services with the City said the campaign will help to educate pet own-

"It's not a cat problem, it's actually a people prob-lem," he said. "The whole goal is to get people to look at cats differently then we have in the past, as not a disposable pet but as a long-term animal."

Record bust of illegal cigarettes

In a record-setting bust, Hobbema RCMP and the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) have seized 14 million contra-band cigarettes from a Ponoka-area quonset.

Const. Perry Cardinal of the Hobbema RCMP said the bust is the biggest he's

Lynn Hutchings-Mah of

the AGLC agreed. "These cigarettes were transported by five-ton truck and tractor trailer - it took more than one vehicle," she says.

The estimated 75,000 cartons of illegal smokes were discovered after Hobbema RCMP responded to a complaint at the struc-

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Freed from jail to share a kidney



Sister's donation part of release deal

Two imprisoned sisters who have pledged to share a kidney were to be freed Friday as part of a deal to suspend their life sentences for armed robbery.

Jamie and Gladys Scott are set to be released from a state prison just east of Jackson, Miss.

They plan to head to Pensacola, Fla., where their mother and children live, said corrections commissioner Chris Epps. Gladys Scott's release order requires her to donate a kidney to her sister, who is suffering from kidney failure and requires dialysis.

The two women have been held in different parts of the Central Missispipi Correctional Facility in Pearl for the past few years, and it's unlikely they had much interaction in the sprawling complex. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Golden voice, golden day

Just days ago, Ted Williams was living in a tent near an Ohio highway. Thursday he was in New York for an emotional reunion with his 90-year-old mother. The panhandler and ex-radio announcer's life changed when he was spotted holding a sign extolling his velvety voice and asking for help. NBA's Cleveland Cavaliers offered him announcing work and other job offers have flooded in.

Man admits to murder, stuffing bodies in tree

An unemployed tree-cutter told a court Thursday he killed three people, stuffed their bodies in a hollow tree and raped a 13-year-old girl.

Matthew Hoffman, 30, pleaded guilty to aggravated murder, burglary, kidnapping and rape.

He was sentenced to life in prison without possibility for parole. "This is so sickening,

"This is so sickening, Matthew, to know you even had the guts to do this," the girl said in a statement read in the Ohio court.

An indictment alleged Hoffman killed Tina Herrmann; her 11-year-old son, Kody Maynard; and neighbour Stephanie Sprang while stealing from Herrmann's home Nov. 10.

He also was charged with kidnapping the teen and raping her at his home in Mount Vernon. She was found bound and gagged in his basement.

"This has changed my whole life," the girl said.

Mudslide kills couple, two kids

A couple and their two young daughters died in a mudslide in Sao Paulo state, Brazilian authorities say

The deaths bring the death toll from heavy flooding to at least 35.

More than 30,000 peo-

The worst-hit state is Minas Gerais, where officials said 16 people either drowned or were buried in mudslides.

ple across the country have been forced out of their homes.

Heavy rains have been pummelling Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Espirito Santo states since Christmas

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INMATE'S CLAIM

Trading sex to use a phone?

A German woman has filed a lawsuit against a private company and some of its employees who ran a former U.S. women's prison, saying she was forced to trade sex to call her ill mother.

The suit filed in Louisville, Ky., is the latest in a series of sexual assault cases out of the Otter Creek Correctional Complex in Wheelwright.

Kentucky Gov. Steve Beshear ordered all the female prisoners removed from the facility a year ago when a scandal involving corrections officers and inmates reached its height.

The lawsuit says the inmate, a 38-year-old German citizen, was serving five years for theft and other charges.

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Kent's selling job

New Environment Minister Peter Kent says his job is to sell the Harper government's environment agenda, not change it.

The Tories have come under heavy criticism domestically and abroad over a lack of action on key issues such as climate But Kent says he'll keep Canada on target to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 17 per cent

by the year 2020.

Work will be done to monitor oilsands development, he says.

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'Code of silence' stalling probe over gang rape?

'We can't force people to talk to us,' officer says Alleged victim says bullies forced her out of school

Police say a "code of silence" among teens may be preventing them from laying more charges in what they believe may have been a gang rape of a 16-year-old girl at a B.C. rave party last fall.

Police announced charges Thursday against two more men in the alleged September sexual assault, but said they can't pry enough evidence out of the teenage witnesses for more charges.

"We can't force people to talk to us, whether they're a group of teenagers or whether they're the most hardened criminal," Sgt. Peter Thiessen told reporters.



The case shocked police and the public when just hours after the incident photos and video of the alleged attack in the Vancouver suburb of Pitt Meadows had been posted on social media websites including Facebook.

Colton Ashton McMorris, 18, of Maple Ridge has now been charged with sexual assault and Dennis John Allen Warrington, 19, of Langley has been charged with production and distribution of child pornography.

Another 16-year-old boy was charged last fall with production and distribution of child pornography.

Meanwhile, the girl says she has had to leave school because of bullying.

But she says she is now stronger than she has ever been.

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Holy smoke

A Hindu holy man takes a puff of pot at a transit camp Thursday in Calcutta, India. His next stop is an annual holy dip with pilgrims at the confluence of the Ganges and the Bay of Bengal.

Oilsands blaze injures workers

Four workers were injured Thursday in a fire at Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.'s Horizon oilsands plant in northern Alberta.

The fire broke out in an upgrader at around 3:30 p.m. and was contained to the coker area.

"Four injuries were reported and the employees have been assessed by medical staff," the company said in a release. "Three have been transported to hospital in Fort McMurray, including one being treated for second and third-degree burns. Another person suffered first-degree burns and a third person has a neck injury ... All are in stable condition. A fourth person was treated at site and will be released."

Jeff Winsor of Fort McKay First Nation said the band got calls from worried residents, but no evacuation was necessary

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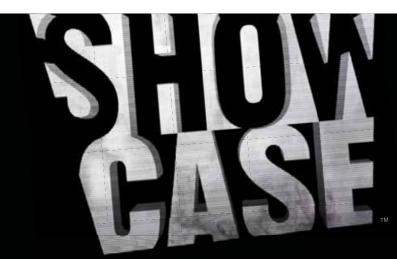


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Tories ad tab \$45M: Grits

CRITIC. The Liberals say the federal Conservative party owes Canadians \$45 million for partisan government advertising on the taxpayers' dime.

Liberal critic Siobhan
Coady has released a
mock invoice for the
amount in reaction to a
report by The Canadian
Press that found the government went ahead
with a Tory-blue website
in spite of civil-service
concerns.

The Economic Action Plan website debuted in 2009 with dozens of photos of Prime Minister Stephen Harper and has been the focus of criticism and complaints over what many say is its overtly partisan appearance and tone.

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New rules for fertilization

IN VITRO. Brazil's national association of doctors has approved new rules for in vitro fertilization that let same-sex couples and single people qualify for the process.

A statement from the organization says that the change "was a demand of modern society."

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Segregation on buses allowed

GENDER. Israel's Supreme Court has issued a ruling permitting the separation of men and women on some buses serving minority ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities, but only if the passengers agree.

Alberta standing in way of CPP expansion: N.S.

▶ But B.C. also has reservations, says economy needs to improve first

Nova Scotia's government is accusing Alberta of standing in the way of expanding the Canada Pension Plan, saying the western province is opposed to change because it is locked in by ideology.

Graham Steele, Nova

Graham Steele, Nova Scotia's finance minister, was responding to comments made Wednesday by Ted Menzies, who said any move to help people save for retirement by enhancing the public pension plan is a long way off. Menzies, an Albertan appointed Tues-

day as minister of state for finance, said reforms will have to wait because increased premiums could hurt the economic recovery.

Steele said the Harper government is needlessly holding up the proposed expansion by insisting it must secure unanimous approval from the provinces.

He said the law states Ottawa requires approval from only two-thirds of the provinces representing two thirds of the population.

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Ottawa's take on pension wrong: N.S. premier



"I'm disappointed that the federal government doesn't see it that way." DARRELL DEXTER

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter rejected Ted Menzies' suggestion expanding public pension benefits would put an onerous burden on businesses, saying the lack of an adequate pension plan will result in social consequences that cost more. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Arson charges to be laid

RIZZUTO FAMILY. At least one person is expected to be charged in the firebombing of a Montreal funeral home belonging to the notorious Rizzuto family.

Montreal police Const. Yannick Paradis says charges will likely be arson, arson causing damage to property, possession of an incendiary material and conspiracy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Convictions dropped for physician

ANNA NICOLE SMITH. A judge yesterday dismissed the drug conspiracy convictions of the late Anna Nicole Smith's boyfriend-lawyer Howard K. Stern and her psychiatrist, allowing only one conviction to remain against the physician while reducing it to a misdemeanour.

Superior Court Judge Robert Perry found that Stern never had the intent to defraud when he used his name and others to protect Smith's privacy when he obtained prescriptions for her.

Two packages release smoke

MARYLAND. Two packages sent to U.S. state government buildings 32 kilometres apart released smoke and the smell of sulfur when they were opened yesterday, officials said. Two workers were slightly burned, but not seriously.

Haiti: A year after the quake



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Reform needed to stop spills: Report

• Findings suggest BP disaster may not be an isolated incident, contrary to the oil industry's assurances

Disasters like the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon rig could happen again without significant reform, according to the conclusions of a presidential panel that has the companies involved in the largest U.S. oil spill pointing fingers at each other again.

In a 48-page excerpt of its final report obtained by The Associated Press, the commission described systemic problems within the offshore oil and gas industry and government regulators who oversee it. It also said such a disaster could happen again without significant reforms.

The full report is due to the U.S. president Jan. 11. But key questions will remain, namely: Why didn't a hulking piece of equip-



ment that sat at the wellhead and was supposed to choke off the flow of oil in the event of a blowout do its job?

The oil spill commission

said poor decisions led to technical problems that contributed to the April 20 accident that killed 11 people and led to more than 757 million litres of oil spewing from BP's well 1,500 metres beneath the Gulf of Mexico.

BP, Halliburton and Transocean, the three key companies involved with the well and the rig that exploded, each made individual decisions that increased risks of a blowout but saved significant time or money.

But ultimately, the Deepwater Horizon disaster came down to a single failure, the panel says: Management. When decisions were made, no one was considering the risk they were taking.

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Report findings

A BP request to set an "unusually deep cement plug" was approved by the then-Minerals Management Service in 90 minutes.

- That decision is one of the nine technical and engineering calls the commission says increased the risk of a blowout.
- Federal investigators analyzing the blowout preventer at a NASA facility in New Orleans aren't expected to finish until February.
- Outside experts in technological disasters lauded the commission's focus on organizational and managerial failures instead of blaming the rig workers.

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Microsoft opts not to crash at Apple's pad

New tablets expected from Motorola, Dell and Toshiba, but not from Microsoft

Instead of unveiling an elegant response to the iPad, Microsoft came to the tech industry's premier gadget show with a collection of exposed computer guts, news about microchips and a shallow preview of yet another Windows.

The uninspiring performance served as a reminder that the world's largest software maker remains years from a serious entry into the tablet craze, raising more doubts about whether Microsoft will ever be able to grab a meaningful piece of this fast-growing segment.

Apps for Mac

Apple is expanding the "app store" idea that caught fire on the iPhone and iPad to its line of Mac computers.

Mac users who have the latest version of Apple's computer operating system, called Snow Leopard, will be prompted to update their software starting Thursday.

CEO Steve Ballmer mostly lingered on what went right last year when he gave the company's customary keynote on the eve of the International Consumer Electronics Show on Wednesday. He had his share to boast about. Xbox 360 and the Kinect motion-sensing controller that's racked up more than \$1 billion in sales in just two months, a ground-up overhaul of the Windows smartphone software and rapid adoption of Windows 7 on PCs are all real successes.

Still, it's hard for anyone to applaud Microsoft without noting the threats posed by the growing popularity of Apple Inc.'s iPad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



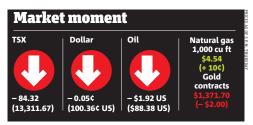
Economists bullish despite new poll

Cheer up, gloomy Canadians — the recession is long over and growth will continue this year, say the country's top economists, despite a survey which

has found that most Canadians believe the economy is still in a downward spiral.

The chief economists of Canada's big five banks

gave their predictions for moderate Canadian growth Thursday at a panel discussion sponsored by the Economic Club of Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS 36 The Economic Club and Pollara poll found only about 38 per cent of respondents feel the Canadian economy will improve in the next few months.







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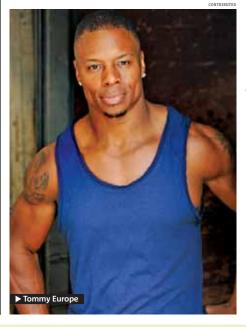
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MINUTES WITH: OMMY EUROPE

Fitness coach Tommy Europe, a former CFL defensive back and host of The Last 10 Pounds Bootcamp and Bulging Brides, is devoted to getting people healthy. He chatted with Metro about how best to stick with New Year's resolutions to get fit.

What are the biggest reasons people don't follow through with their well-intentioned plans to get fit in the new year?

Because they're too unrealistic. If (they) don't (see instant results), they get disappointed and it sets them back even further. It's a process. It's about improving over the year. Do you have any simple tips on how to keep people motivated?

Challenge yourself to complete (individual) tasks. Mini goals along the way keep things attainable. Find out whatever motivation techniques work for you. And anything you want to stick to, make sure you put it on paper. What is the biggest mistake

people make when they start a new regimen?

Too much, too fast. If vou've been inactive for five years, to think that in a month you're going to be back in shape, you're

dreaming. It's going to take work, and it depends on what your activity level was like before. Some people will lose a lot initially, some people will take a while. Don't do something crazy like picking the hardest workout out there. Get a trainer just for a couple sessions. That's the only way you're going to get an idea of where you're coming from and what workouts will be beneficial for you. Have a variety of things (to do) and if you don't know what to do ... ask. How long should people ex-

pect to wait before they see

results?

If somebody is very diligent ... and they are doing cardio and eating the right things, within a month they will notice some positive changes. Any advice for people who

like to exercise but hate the gym?

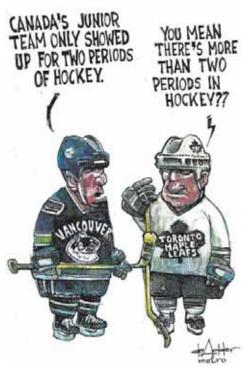
Do body weight exercises at the beach (or) at home. Work with resistance bands (at) parks and use the playgrounds. Pick up an outdoor activity like snowshoeing and crosscountry skiing. It's really limitless. You don't need a

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An emotional turnoff



Worth mentioning

If a crying woman's red nose isn't a big enough turnoff to a man, a surprising experiment found another reason: Tears of sadness may temporarily lower his testosterone lev-

Those tears send a chemical signal as the man gets close enough to sniff them — even though there's no discernible odour, say researchers from Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

It's the first such signal to be found in tears, and it's probably not unique to women. Theirs just were the first to be studied.

"It's hard to get men to volunteer to cry" in a lab,



noted Weizmann neurobiologist Noam Sobel, senior author of the study appearing in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

Emotional tears are chemically different from the reflex tears that form when you get dust in your eye. But biologists have long puzzled over the true function of emotional

tears: Are they merely cathartic, or do they have some other physiological

"We have never looked at tears in this way before," said Dr. Esen Akpek of Johns Hopkins University's Wilmer Eye Institute, who wasn't involved with the new study. "This is really interesting." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS What's your view of the Canadian iunior team's loss? **Email** calgaryletters @metronews.ca **Twitter** @metrocalgary

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Metro Minute at Epcor Centre

Looking for something to cure that insatiable taste for the fine arts?

Running through to Jan. 30, the Epcor Centre will be exhibiting a series of theatrical performancfrom local Midway artists or musicians in conjunction with the High Performance Rodeo. festivities began Thursday but will continue throughout the end of the month.

A full list of events and ticket information for the various festival perform-ances can be found at www.hprodeo.ca.

Tickets can be chased by calling 403-294-9494 or by visiting the Epcor Centre box office at 225 8th Ave. SW.

Three days to play

DID YOU MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? IF SO, HAVE YOU ALREADY



Yvonne Vandenbrink

CALGARY

I didn't set it for New Year's Day, I set it for the middle of the month to quit smoking. I've cut down but ... the 15th is the day that I'm actually going to stop.



Ramona Hill

I haven't made any New Year's resolutions because I usually break them.



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Not strong enough

Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Country Strong
 Paltrow gets bogged down with a necklace, while Hedlund steals the show

Richard Crouse: The first line of Country Strong's catchiest song, Give Into Me, is "I'm gonna wear you down," and sure enough the movie did wear me down in the last 30 minutes. For the first hour or so I thought the film had as much authentic country spirit as a Muzak version of a Hank Williams song, but it finally won me over.

Mark Brestin: Really? It never won me over, it just got worse as it ambled from cliché to cliché. Did we really need a remake of Crazy Heart? Although I must admit that Gwyneth looks beter in a short skirt than Jeff Bridges ever could.

RC: I admit the script is thick enough with clichés to choke Roy Rogers's horse and it has

Plot synopsis

In Country Strong Gwyneth Paltrow plays Kelly Canter, a troubled country music superstar whose husband (Tim McGraw) pulls her out of rehab to plot her comeback tour. While getting clean she befriends orderly Beau (Tron: Lega-

the blandest direction this side of Hee Haw, but I was won over by Garrett Hedlund. He walks away with the movie, stealing it outright from Gwyneth Paltrow, who can't be down home no matter how hard she tries.

MB: You're right about Hedlund. And I actually didn't mind Tim McGraw. But it's Gwyneth's movie to win or lose, and she's horribly miscast. Why not Faith Hill? Or get a Judd — any Judd. By the way, what

cy's Garrett Hedlund) who also, conveniently, happens to be a musician. Beau ends up sharing the tour's opening slot with beauty-queen-turned-singer Chiles Stanton (Gossip Girl's Leighton Meester), and all four end up sharing more than just music and road stories.

kind of rehab facility lets you wear a half million dollars of bling as you kick alcohol?

RC: That necklace bugged me too! I get not taking off the giant wedding ring, but no matter what she was doing — throwing up in a garbage can, staggering around backstage — I was distracted by the glitter around her neck. She has a couple of moments though — a nice scene with a Make-A-Wish child and a drunken

backseat conversation with Chiles — but the character is so thinly written there's very little for her or the audience to hang onto.

MB: Sorry, but I found that the scene with "Leukemia Kid" was the most exploitative part of the movie. I did like her advice scene with her young rival, which played out quite realistically for me. But the script was so full of inadvertent howlers that the flick will do for country music what Showgirls did for lap dancing.

RC: It is manipulative, too long and while I liked it more than you, I thought that despite its downbeat subject matter — the flipside of fame, alcoholism and jilted love — it wasn't quite authentically hurtin' enough to qualify as real country.



News in brief



De Niro will head the jury at this year's Cannes Film Festival.

The veteran American actor and director will lead a nine-member jury for the May 11 to 22 festival on the French Riviera.

De Niro's charisma may provide a Hollywood boost to Cannes. Last year's event was lighter than usual on star power and featured a line-up that left many critics unimpressed.

The Thai film Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives won the top honour at the 2010 festival.

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Universal Orlando's Harry Potter attraction marks 1M sales of frothy butterbeen



On-screen intimacy 'just happened'

▶ Ryan Gosling and co-star Michelle Williams heat up the screen in Blue Valentine ▶ Drama has garnered much acclaim from critics

Oscar worthy?

- Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams recently landed Golden Globe nominations, and many are also predicting Oscar nods for their roles in Blue Valentine.
- Gosling plays Dean, the sweet, sensitive and unambitious house-painter husband to Cindy (Williams), a stressed-out nurse who wants more out of life. Faith Wladyka plays their young daughter, Frankie.
- Through flashbacks and flash forwards, we see the couple in two stages: during a charming courtship and then several years later when they're frustrated, fighting parents.

In the marital drama Blue Valentine, which opens in Toronto on Friday, Ryan Gosling and Michelle Williams bring an astoundingly authentic feel to their characters as they fall in and out of love.

Their on-screen chemistry is so raw that — even though their sex scenes aren't that explicit — the Motion Picture Association of America initially put an NC-17 rating on the film.

It recently downgraded that to an R rating on appeal (in Ontario the rating is 18A, in B.C. and Saskatchewan it's 14A and in Quebec it's 13+).

Gosling, who was born in London, Ont., says he and Williams studied pictures of real couples to 12

Writer-director Derek Cianfrance spent 12 years working on Blue Valentine, which was inspired by his longing to understand how time can change relationships. "I feel like it was always the film that I was born to make," said Cianfrance, who lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

help build their characters' bond, but they didn't overthink their physical intimacy going in to filming

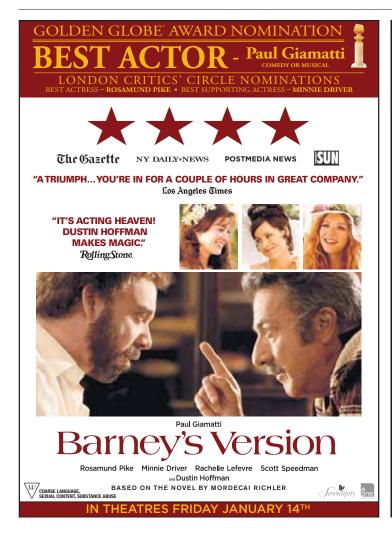
ing.
"The physical stuff, it just happened, I don't really know how," he ex-

plained in an interview at September's Toronto International Film Festival, where Blue Valentine screened to much acclaim.

"It's a love story, you know, and physical intimacy is a part of that and we were trying to capture that in a way that was not gratuitous or trying too hard to be sexy or something.

"We collected a lot of photographs, actually, photographs that we thought were snapshots of people's lives, of couples that were together that weren't staged, that were just private photographs of people that were trying to get that kind of an intimacy."







Movie review

See it twice

Plenty of old school mayhem

Season of the Witch Genre: Adventure/Fantasy Director: Dominic Sena Stars: Nicolas Cage, Ron Perlman, Claire Foy

The only thing that's missing from director Dominic Sena's offbeat medieval shocker Season of the Witch is the old Hammer Films logo at the header because this is exactly the sort of fever-pitched, melo-dramatic pulp the famed U.K. studio once excelled at. Throughout the 1960's Hammer unleashed a glorious torrent of trashy gothic potboilers into international theatres. Movies with blood, hammy acting, action, supernatural hokum and cheap thrills aplenty. Those fantastic pictures are considered classics now, but at the time were derided by the mainstream as glossy junk ... which they are of course. And there is absolutely nothing wrong with that.

Season stars Cage and ever-cool B-movie savior Ron Perlman (Hellboy) as jaded wandering knights fallen from grace with the church, who are nonetheless conscripted by a plague ridden cardinal (Christopher Lee) to transport a suspected witch (Claire Foy) to a monastery for an exorcism. Seems this waif has been thought by the clergy to be a sort of satanic patient zero who brings pestilence to all she passes. Along the way, weird things begin to happen, Cage overacts and rages with his usual aplomb, demon wolves eat people and the future of mankind hangs in the balance. And everyone keeps a refreshingly straight face. Comparisons to Christo-

pher Smith's current festival favourite Black Death are obvious, but while that picture is a far artier and serious thriller, the briskly paced, never dull Season is only aiming to be a genre romp, one filled with blood, derring-do, swordplay, simple morality and an admittedly awesome climatic monster battle. Snootier cinema journos will no doubt thumb their nose at this film, but this easier to please critic is still smiling at the notion of such an unpretentious slice of old school mayhem unspooling before a new legion of monster kids at the local multiplex. • chris alexander





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Shining in a second chance

Stephen Dorff finds new lease on career with Coppola's Somewhere

Stephen Dorff wanted a second chance.

Roughly a decade after ascending from bit TV parts to become one of Hollywood's hottest stars in the '90s, he found himself stuck and fading back into minor roles.

A juicy role as the kingpin vampire in 1998's Blade pigeonholed him as the goto villain, ushering in a string of bad-guy parts he says he just wasn't interested in.

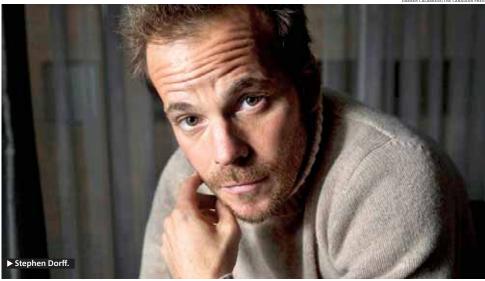
He says it took friend and filmmaker Sofia Coppola to see something in him that others didn't, and create for him "the ultimate character" in her lyrical father-daughter tale, Somewhere.

"All actors are waiting for a role like this to come along but I've been waiting to play a good guy again for a long time," the Atlantaborn Dorff says in a recent "Really, the centre of the movie is not about Hollywood. I think it's about an adolescent father becoming a man and the relationship between a father and a daughter that has not existed for a while." STEPHEN DORFF

interview at a Toronto hotel, dressed casually in a turtleneck sweater.

"I've always tried to do different kinds of movies and went through weird periods where I wasn't getting some of the movies I wanted and I became kind of the ultimate villain. I never could get out of getting offered villain roles."

That changed when Cop-



pola came to him with the role of Johnny Marco — a Ferrari-driving, pill-popping movie star who drifts through his privileged life in a numb stupor. When not making paint-by-

number action films, Johnny lives at LA.'s infamous Chateau Marmont hotel where he entertains strippers in his room and guzzles beer solo on the couch.

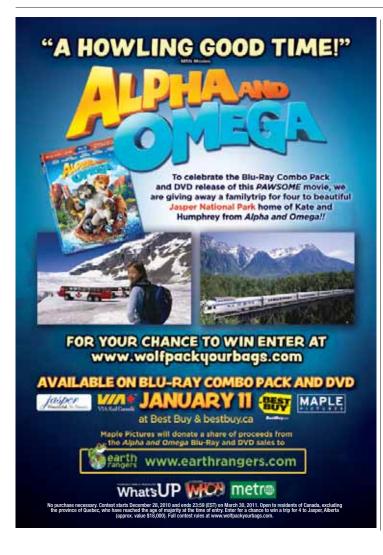
Johnny is forced to grow folds

up and face reality when he's suddenly saddled with taking care of his 11-yearold daughter, Cleo, played by Elle Fanning.

Their relationship unfolds quietly through pen-

sive scenes in which they share breakfast, play video games, or go for a swim.

The film won the Golden Lion at the 2010 Venice Film Festival.





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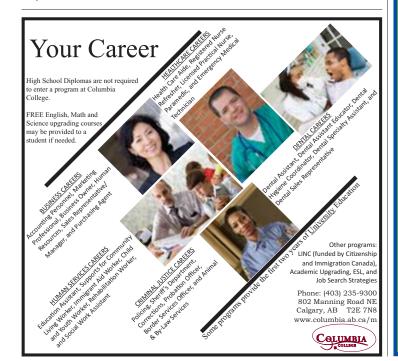
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Showtime's shame(less)

Network's new drama Shameless is about a family with real struggles, based on British series State of Play

The new Showtime drama Shameless overflows with its boozy, heedless father and the six unsinkable kids who care for him and one another.

William H. Macy (Fargo, Door to Door) plays the shiftless grifter dad. As Frank, he is abrasive, self-absorbed, manipulative and delusional.

'I'm the father, teacher, mentor, captain of our little ship." Frank rants to the family in an early

scene, reminding them of what he deems "the most important thing in this

life: partying."

In more ways than one,
Frank is blind drunk.

But the family sticks together and gets by with pluck, defiance and no apologies — that is, no shame. Not even shame from the children for their father, whom they often have to step across, passed out on the floor

"It's not like they for-

give him for his behaviour," says Emmy Rossum, who plays Fiona, the oldest of the brood. "They just hope that, one day, he will get better.

In the absence of a real mother, Fiona is the family's surrogate mom. Think: Wendy, if Neverland were a tumble-down row house in blue-collar Chicago, with Peter Pan relying on alcohol and chemicals to fly.

Shameless, which premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. is based on the British series of the same name created by Paul Abbott (State of Play). It's a potent cocktail - outrageous, heartbreaking and heartbreakingly funny.

It may also be the first TV series whose opening title sequence focuses, unflinching, on the house-hold's highly trafficked bathroom.

"It's easier to identify with a family that has real struggles, be it financial or emotional or whatever, than a show that glamour-

Emmy Rossum portrays Fiona Gallagher, right, and Justin Chatwin portrays Steve in the Showtime original series, Shameless.

izes what life is like in this country right now," Rossum says. "A lot of shows on TV are escapist in that way, but I think ours is definitely different and grittier, with the humour coming out of real situations. I think that's what

will be relatable to people."

The diverse offspring (do any of these siblings share the same mother?) range from a dark-skinned toddler to the 20-ish Fiona. played by Rossum with

poignancy and fire.

She has won high praise from her co-star who plays the series' pickled patriarch. "Really, the heart and soul of the thing is Emmy Rossum," Macy says. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cancer Foundation Benefit

Celtic music will be playing at the Ship and Anchor this Saturday for the Cancer Foundation Benefit. The show runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Theatre

Nevermore: The **Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of** Edgar Allan Poe

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday with matinee shows at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Vertigo Theatre. The show runs until Feb. 6.

Deconstructing Dad

A free screening of Deconstructing Dad: The music. the machines and the mystery of Raymond Scott will be taking place Friday at the Engineered Air Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

Exhibits

Motorcycle Show

Calgary's annual Motorcycle Show is back this Friday through Saturday at the Stampede Park BMO Centre.

Spoken Word

Youth Slam

Youth Slam will be taking place this Saturday at the Central Public Library in

conjunction with the Calgary Spoken Word Festival. Tyler Perry and Andre Prefontaine will host the event, which begins at 1

Rodeos

High Performance Rodeo

Calgary's High Performance Rodeo will be featuring a number of events this weekend. The festival runs from Jan. 6 to 30. A full listing of events can be found at hprodeo.ca.

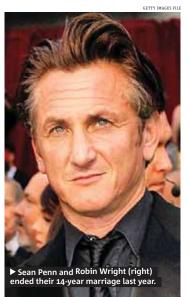


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Wright's love did cost a thing: Penn





While he's usually tightlipped about personal issues, Sean Penn let slip to the Hollywood Reporter that his recent divorce from Robin Wright wasn't cheap.

"I got practical issues," he said when asked about making new movies versus doing charity work.

"I had just got taken for one half of everything I had in the divorce, so it's not like I don't have to

Penn added that the hardest part of the split has been the change in his relationship with his children.

"A much more pro-found change in life for me personally was not being able to raise my son in a whole family." Penn said.

Talking points

Suri's got some style

PEOPLE Katie Holmes admits that daughter Suri Cruise is becoming quite the little fashionista. The other day ... she said, 'I want to go there,' pointing at another store quite a distance away," Katie says. "In that store was the dress that she wanted. I said, Wow, Suri. You're something. You picked that out from a football field away.

Aguilera's home has been an awkward place, as soon-to-be ex-husband Jordan Bratman is reportedly just moving out now, according to TMZ. That means Bratman, Aguilera and Aguilera's new boyfriend, Matthew Rutler, have all been living under the same roof. according sources. "Thank God Jordan is moving out,

Three's a

crowd for **Aguilera**

PEOPLE Christina

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a source says. "It was getting really awkward, but Christina was letting Iordan stay for the sake of

Was Lindsay drunk?

The Palm Dessert Police Department are allegedly claiming that Lindsay Lohan was intoxicated during her pre-Christmas altercation with a Betty Ford Center employee, violating her parole further, according to TMZ. But Lohan's lawyer, Shawn Chapman Holley, is quick to

shoot down the allegations.

"I had numerous conversations with Betty Ford counselors and doctors over the course of Lindsay's treatment there and it was never suggested by anyone that she ever drank or used drugs," Holley says. • metro

Penelope's bro and Eva an item?

Eva Longoria is reportedly rebounding from her split from husband Tony Parker, according to OK! Magazine. The Desperate Housewives star has been on several dates with singer, Eduardo Cruz, Penelope Cruz's younger brother, sources say.

And while Longoria's publicist says the two are

just friends, he's reportedly been a regular at her home lately.

"He's there at least three nights out of every four," a source says.

"He turns up and he leaves the next morning. They are trying desperately to stay beneath the radar."





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Pokey, and Brits say Hokey-Cokey. Hence, revolutionary



Christina Applegate [1capplegate] No longer in my pregnancy do I just "go' somewhere. I

'schlep" there. Its a constant Schlep. But its all good.



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anything personally. AND



Conan O'Brien [@Conan-OBrien] I forgot to bring a beard

trimmer on vacation and my mustache is growing into my mouth. It is not unpleasant.





Fresh food tips



Did you know that North Americans throw away nearly half of their food, uneaten?

uneaten?
Sue Mah, a registered dietitian, has a few tips to help you keep your groceries fresh for longer.

- Keep apples in the fridge in a perforated plastic bag. Apples left at room temperature will soften 10 times faster.
- Wrap washed and dried lettuce leaves in damp paper towels.
- Keep milk and eggs in the coldest part of the fridge, not on the door.
- Store raw meat on the bottom shelf of the fridge.
- Keep whole wheat flour, brown rice and ground flax in the fridge to help them last longer.



Muesli and apple-rhubarb compt with yogurt makes an irresistible breakfast

A colourful and flavourful vegan stew — imagine that

• Meatless cuisine had a bad rap as lacking, until this Mediterranean meal came along

Vegan food has a bad reputation among meat eaters. It's typically portrayed

as bland or somehow lacking bold flavours.

However, this stew is

However, this stew is anything but. It is flavourful, colourful and full-bodied.

It doesn't require a trip to the natural foods store. It doesn't even contain any soy or vegetable meatwannabe products. Vegan food is a celebration of produce, as is this stew.

Preparation:

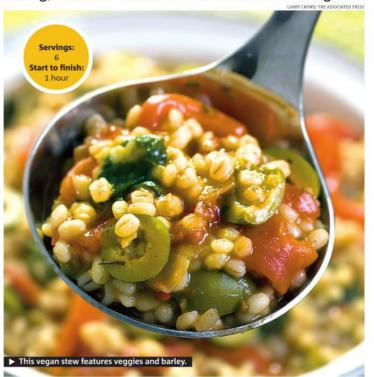
- In a large saucepan over medium, heat the olive oil. Add the garlic, shallots and onions and saute until soft and translucent, about 6 to 7 minutes.
- Add tomatoes, broth, rosemary and barley, then bring to a simmer. Cover and continue to cook until barley is tender, about 50 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking.

Stir in the roasted red peppers, baby spinach, olives and water. Cook until the spinach is wilted, about 2 minutes. Season with salt and black pepper.

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Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- 2 yellow onions, diced
 796-ml (28-ounce) can chopped tomatoes, prefer-
- ably fire-roasted
 1 litre (4 cups) vegetable broth
- 2 sprigs fresh rosemary,
 minsed
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) pearl barley
- 341-ml (12-oz) jar roasted red peppers, drained and cut into strips
- 140 g (5 oz) fresh baby spinach
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) castelvetrano olives, pitted and sliced
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste



Veganism goes mainstream



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You've come a long way, vegan.

Once mocked as a fringe diet for sandal-wearing health food store workers, veganism is moving from marginal to mainstream.

The vegan Skinny Bitch diet books are bestsellers, vegan staples, such as tempeh and tofu, can be purchased at any supermarket, and some chain restaurants eagerly promote their plant-only menu items.

Today's vegans are urban hipsters, suburban moms, college students and even professional athletes.

etes.

"It's definitely more diverse. It's not what you would picture 20 years ago, which is kind of hippie, crunchy," said Isa Chandra Moskowitz, author of vegan cookbooks like the new Appetite for Reduction.

She says it's easier being a vegan now because there is more local produce available.

"It's not just steamed vegetables anymore and brown rice and lentils," she said. Veganism is essentially hard-core vegetarianism. While a vegetarian might butter her bagel or eat a cake made with eggs, vegans shun all animal products: No meat, no cheese, no eggs, no honey, no mayonnaise.

In a 2009 survey, advocates at the not-for-profit Vegetarian Resource Group reported about one per cent of Americans are vegan, roughly a third of the people who reported being vegetarians.

Actress Alicia Silverstone

added a dose of star power to the vegan cause recently with The Kind Diet, a No. 1 bestseller.

Meanwhile, Bill Clinton, known for his burger-loving ways when president, has credited his trim build at his daughter Chelsea's wedding this summer to a "plant-based diet" (though he eats a little fish sometimes).

Even former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson has talked up his vegan diet.

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Vegan facts

Abstaining from animal products is a practice found in many cultures. But veganism struggles for traction in meat-loving North America. Here's some facts about its increasing popularity.

Ethical vegans

ethical vegans have a moral aversion to harming animals for human consumption.

Cookbooks

Vegan cookbooks are coming out at a fast rate. Da Capo Press' 20 vegan cookbooks in print include one on vegan soul food. There's one of vegan recipes containing alcohol, and The Tipsy Vegan, is upcoming.

Restaurant trend

More than half the 1,500 chefs polled by the National Restaurant Association for its new What's Hot in 2011 list included vegan entrees as a hot trend. Vegan entrees came in at No. 71 out of 226 trends, beating out organic beer.











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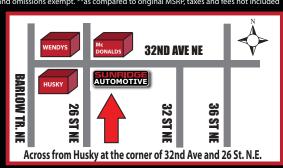






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"Pete's a great guy. I think we have the same outlook and passion for the game. In speaking with him, he's very motivated as well.

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"At this stage of my career, I want to have someone that has experience. (I want someone) that is as passionate about winning as I am - not someone just out there to make a paycheque."

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Partying leaves Russians grounded in Buffalo hotel

Russia's gold-medal celebration went into overtime. And that prevented them from boarding their flight Thursday morning, a day after they won the world junior hockey championship in Buffalo, N.Y.

About 30 members of the Russian contingent were asked to get off a Delta Air Lines flight for being unruly after boarding for takeoff early Thursday morning, an airport spokesman said.

The team was "sleeping it off" at a hotel Thursday afternoon, a person at the front desk of the Days Hotel near the airport said.

Can Packers handle Vick?

• Green Bay will look to Woodson and Matthews to deal with threat posed by Philly QB Packers rank fifth in NFL in overall defence and allowed just 240 points all season

With his arm, his feet or his creativity, Michael Vick has embarrassed defenders all season. Unless they can limit Vick and his big-play teammates, Sunday could be a long day for Charles Woodson, Clay Matthews and the Green Bay Packers.

Vick wasn't the starter in the Eagles' season-opening 27-20 loss to Green Bay. But when the Packers knocked out Kevin Kolb with a concussion, Vick came on and played well in the second half. Except for his own injuries, Vick has been the starter ever since - and more spectacular than ever.

So Woodson, last season's AP Defensive Player of the Year, and Matthews, one of the favourites for this season's award, are squarely in the spotlight for the game that caps the wild-card weekend.

"We know what we're

up against," Woodson said. know the dynamic that Vick is, so he's a very big part of what they're doing right now, and he makes a lot of big plays with his feet. We've got to make sure we stay aggressive and make sure we do our job on the back end. Aggressiveness, that's the way we like to play."

It's the way Eagles coach Andy Reid expects the Packers to play, particularly cornerback Woodson and linebacker Matthews, who Philadelphia's blockers must locate on every

play.
"I'll tell you what, he's a great player and he has a great motor, loves to play the game," Reid said of Matthews. "So it's a great challenge for our offensive line, the guys blocking him, and we'll come up with a couple things for

Other games

Elsewhere on wild-card weekend, defending Super Bowl champion New Orleans is at Seattle in the opener Saturday, followed by an AFC title game rematch of the New York Jets at Indianapolis. The other Sunday game is Baltimore at Kansas City. New England, Pittsburgh, Atlanta

QB picks degree over chance | Celtics, Heat hot to go first overall in NFL draft | in all-star voting

Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck has decided to stay in college to get his degree instead of immediately cashing in on the riches of being the likely No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.

Luck announced his decision Thursday, more than a week before the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the NFL draft, Luck, who sat out his first year as a redshirt, has two years of eligibility remaining but is on track to graduate next spring.

"I am committed to earning my degree in ar-chitectural design from Stanford University and am on track to accomplish this at the completion of the spring quarter of 2012," Luck said in a statement issued through the school. Stanford said Luck was not available for further comment.

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LeBron James and Dwyane Wade of the Heat and Kevin Garnett and Rajon Rondo of the Celtics are on pace to be voted as starters for the NBA allstar game.

Garnett and Rondo remained in second place at their positions behind the Heat duo in the third voting returns announced Thursday.

Orlando centre Dwight Howard is the other leader among Eastern Conference players and has the most votes of any player in the conference.

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Minnesota	40	20	15	1	4	103	114	45	10-9-0-2	10-6-1-2	7-2-0-1	W3
Chicago	42	21	18	2	1	128	119	45	12-10-0-0	9-8-2-1	5-5-0-0	L1
Columbus	40	20	17	2	1	103	118	43	11-9-0-1	9-8-2-0	4-6-0-0	L2
Calgary	41	18	20	1	2	108	118	39	11-8-0-0	7-12-1-2	5-5-0-0	L2
Edmonton	39	13	19	1	6	100	132	33	7-11-1-2	6-8-1-3	2-6-0-2	W1

d — division leaders ranked 1.2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results Toronto 6 St. Louis 5 (SO) Philadelphia 4 New Jersev 2 Montreal 2 Pittsburgh 1 (SO) Phoenix 2 Colorado (Edmonton 2 N.Y. Islanders 1 Nashville at Los Angeles Buffalo at San Jose Wednesday's results Vancouver 3 Calgary 1 Atlanta 3 Florida 2 Dallas 4 Chicago 2

First Period 1. Pittsburgh, Asham 5 (Lovejoy, Goligoski) None.

Second Period 2. Montreal, Pouliot 8 (Darche, Desharnais)

Penalties — Subban Mtl (roughing) 3:23, Love-

Penaites — Subban Mtt (roughing) 3:23, Love joy Pgh (triping) 8:31.

Third Period — No Scoring.

Penaities — Kostitsyn Mtl (tripping) 0:32, Kennedy Pgh (inference) 2:38, Goligoskl Pgh (hooking) 9:40, Johnson Pgh (delay of game) 9:59, Martin Pgh (delay of game) 11:56.

Newtime — No Scoring

Overtime — No Scoring.

Shootout — Montreal wins shootout 1-0

Montreal (1) — Cammalleri, miss; Subban, miss; Gionta, miss; Kostitsyn, miss; Pouliot,

Pittsburgh (0) — Letang, miss; Dupuis, miss; Malkin, miss; Letestu, miss; Kunitz, miss.

Shots Montreal Pittsburgi 5 13 4 1-23 13 7 11 0-32 First our Specific Notice (W, 20-14-3); Pitts-burgh: Johnson (OL,8-3-2). Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-5; Pittsburgh:

u-2. **Att. —** 21,273 at Pittsburgh.

OILERS 2, ISLANDERS 1

First Period

1. Edmonton, Brule 6 (Cogliano, Penner) 3:22 2. Edmonton, Bruie o (Cogliano, Peniner) 5:22.

2. Edmonton, Peniner 12 (Cogliano) 5:17 (sh)

Penalties — Dubnyk Edm (delay of game;
served by Hall) 3:31, Brule Edm (hooking)

11:02, Smid Edm (interference) 15:03.

Second Period 3. New York, Comeau 9 (Schremp, Bailey)

Nashville 4 Anaheim 1 N.Y. Rangers 2 Carolina 1 (OT) Pittsburgh 8 Tampa Bay 1 Tonight's games (All times Eastern) Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m. Ottawa at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Detroit at Calgary, 9 p.m. Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m. Columbus at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

CANADIENS 2, PENGUINS 1 (SO) Penalties — Martin NYI (roughing) 7:58, Fraster Edm (roughing) 7:58, Smid Edm (tripping)

No Scoring.

Penalties — Hamonic NYI (hooking) 2:42, Brule Edm (interference) 7:46, Smid Edm (roughing) 14:28, Gilbert Edm (delay of game)

N.Y. Islanders 13 10 8
Edmonton 9 6 7 **Goal** (shots-saves) — N.Y. Islanders: Lawson (L,0-1-1)(3-1), Poulin (5:17 of first)(19-19); Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,3-3-5). **Power plays** (goals-chances) — N.Y. Islanders: 0-7; Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,3-3-5).

ton: 0-1. **Att.** — 16,839 (16,839) at Edmonton.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	Α	PT
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Stamkos, TB	31	25	56
St. Louis, TB	17	34	51
D.Sedin, Vcr	22	28	50
H.Sedin, Vcr	9	41	50
B.Richards, Dal	18	29	47
Zetterberg, Det	15	30	45
Perry, Ana	21	23	44
Eriksson, Dal	16	28	44
Kopitar, LA	15	27	42
Ovechkin, Wash	14	28	42
Sharp, Chi	23	18	41
Byfuglien, Atl	16	25	41
Duchene, Col	16	24	40
E.Staal, Car	19	20	39
Datsyuk, Det	12	27	39
Lidstrom, Det	11	28	39
Heatley, SJ	15	22	37
Getzlaf, Ana	13	24	37
M.Richards, Pha	13	24	37
Not including last night's gar	nes		

LACROSSE

NLL 2011 SCHEDULE

All times Fastern WEEK ONE

Tomorrow's games Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Edmonton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Rochester at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. Washington at Colorado, 9 p.m. Buffalo at Calgary, 9:30 p.m. Sunday's game Calgary at Washington, 8 p.m.

WEEK TWO

Friday, Jan. 14 Minnesota at Washington, 11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 Edmonton at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at Rochester, 7:35 p.m.

Colorado at Calgary, 9:30 p.m. WEEK THREE

WEEK I THREE Friday, Jan. 21 Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 Rochester at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Toronto at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m. Edmonton at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m. Washington at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

WEEK FOUR

Friday, Jan. 28 Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

Calgary at Edmonton, 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m. Colorado at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Boston at Rochester, 7:35 p.m. Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

SKIING

MEN'S SLALOM

At Zagreb, Croatia 1. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 1:52.74 (56.54-56.20); 2. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:52.84 56.20); 2. Ivica Kostelic, Croatia, 1:52.84 (56.30-56.54); 3. Mattias Hargin, Sweden, 1:53.10 (58.06-55.04); 4. Giuliano Razzoli, Italy, 1:53.14 (56.08-57.06); 5. Cristian Deville, Italy, 1:53.39 (56.94-56.45) World Cup Slalom Standings (After 3 events) 1. Andre Myhrer, Sweden, 189 points; 2. Ivica Marchile Costilo, 152.3, Long Postition

Kostelic, Croatia, 153; 3. Jean-Baptiste Grange, France, 122; 4. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 116; 5. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 106 Overall World Cups Standings

Overall World Cups Standings (After 13 events) 1. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 409 points; 2. Silvan Zurbriggen, Switzerland, 395; 3. Ted Ligety, U.S., 376; 4. Mica Kostelic, Croatia, 359; 5. Aksel Lund Svindal, Morway, 335; 6. Didier Cuche, Switzerland, 319; 7. Romed Baumann, Austria, 315; 8. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 294; 9. Carlo Janka, Switzerland, 255; 10. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, 244.

SKI JUMPING

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At Bishifshiofen, Austria
1. Tom Hilde, Norway, 278.7 points (138.0132.0); 2. Thomas Morgenstern, Austria, 277.1
(136.0-135.0); 3. Andreas Koffer, Austria,
275.3 (131.5-139.5); 4. Simon Ammann,
Switzenbard, 274.0 (132.0 Jul. Ou. E. Martis,
275.3 (131.5-139.5); 4. Simon Ammann, Switzerland, 274.0 (133.0-140.0); 5. Martin Koch, Austria, 264.5 (131.5-140.5)

Four Hills Final Standings

1. Thomas Morgenstern, Austria, 959 points; 2. Simon Ammann, Switzerland, 928; 3. Tom Hilde, Norway, 895; 4. Manuel Fettner, Aus-tria, 882; 5. Martin Koch, Austria, 881

Overall World Cup Standings
(After 11 events)

1. Thomas Morgenstern, Austria, 903 points; 2. Andreas Kofler, Austria, 621; 3. Simon Ammann, Switzerland, 561; 4. Matti Hautamaeki, Finland, 485; 5. Adam Malysz, Poland, 480; 6. Tom Hilde, Norway, 386; 7. Ville Larinto, Finland, 342

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with BALI IMUNE UNIOLES—Agreed to terms with 1B Derrek Lee on a one-year contract. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Designated INF-OF Jordan Brown for assignment. MINNESOTA TWINS—Announced the retire-ment of Twins Sports Inc. president Jerry Bell.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with 2b
Dan Uggla on a five-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms
with OF Caleb Gindl, C Anderson Delarosa, OF
Logan Schafer and INF Zelous Wheeler on minor league contracts.

PHILADEL PHILA PHILL IES—Agreed to terms PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with LHP J.C. Romero on a one-year contract and with RHP Brian Bass, C Tuffy Gosewich, C Joel Naughton, INF Robb Quinlan, RHP Michael Schwimer, RHP Michael Stutes and INF-OF Delwyn Young on minor league contracts.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS—Signed C John Parham.

John Parham.
WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed RHP Sean
Teague, C Ben Harty, RHP Cole Akins, RHP
Brandon Matthes and LHP Eric Gilliland.
WINNIPEG—Signed INF Wilmer Pino and RHP
William Jackel. Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Named Jay Loviglio hitting coach.

BASKETBALL

NBA

LEAGUE OFFICE—Promoted Kerry D. Chandler to executive vice president, Chris Granger to executive vice president, team marketing & executive vice president, tealm marketing & business operations, and Danny Meiseles to executive vice president and executive produc-er, production, programming and broadcasting. MIAMI HEAT—Reassigned C Dexter Pittman to Sioux Falls (WBADL). WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Assigned C WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Assigned C

Hamady Ndiaye to Dakota (NBADL).

FOOTBALL

NFL

DALLAS COWBOYS—Named Jason Garrett

HOCKEY

NHI

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Assigned D Jassen Cullimore to Rockford (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Waived D Mike

COLUMBUS BLUE JAKER IS—Walview D MINE
Commodore and Ckyle Wilson. Placed LW
Ethan Moreau on injured reserve. Recalled LW
Matt Calvert from Springfield (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled G Matt Climie
from San Antonio (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Assigned D MarcAddre Research Medelik (AHL).

Andre Bergeron to Norfolk (AHL).

NFL

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS

(All times Eastern) aturday's games

NFC New Orleans at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 8 p.m. Sunday's games AFC

Baltimore at Kansas City, 1 p.m. NFC

Green Ray at Philadelphia 4:30 p.m.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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÷	d-Boston	27	7	.794	_
i	d-Miami	28	9	.757	1/2
:	d-Chicago	23	11	.676	4
:	Orlando	23	12	.657	41/2
i	Atlanta	24	14	.632	5
i	New York	20	14	.588	7
i	Indiana	14	18	.438	12
:	Philadelphia	14	21	.400	131/2
i	Milwaukee	13	20	.394	131/2
÷	Charlotte	12	21	.364	141/2
i	Toronto	12	23	.343	151/2
:	Detroit	11	24	.314	161/2
i	New Jersey	10	25	.286	171/2
÷	Washington	8	25	.242	181/2
i	Cleveland	8	27	.229	19:/:
i	WESTERN CO	NFFR	FNC	F	

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	29	6	.829	_
Dallas	26	9	.743	3
d-L.A. Lakers	25	11	.694	41/2
d-Utah	24	12	.667	51/2
Oklahoma City	24	13	.649	6
Denver	20	14	.588	81/2
New Orleans	21	15	.583	81/2
Portland	19	17	.528	101/2
Houston	16	19	.457	13
Memphis	16	19	.457	13
Phoenix	14	19	.424	14
Golden State	14	21	.400	15
L.A. Clippers	11	24	.314	18
Minnesota	9	27	.250	201/2
Sacramento	7	25	.219	201/2
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d-division leader
Last night's results
Oklahoma City 99 Dallas 95
Denver at Sacramento
Wednesday's results
Toronto 120 Cleveland 105
New Jersey 96 Chicago 94
Orlando 97 Milwaukee 87
Philadelphia 109 Washington 97
Petrola 108 220 Autonia 102 Boston 105 San Antonio 103 Charlotte 108 Minnesota 105 (OT) Golden State 110 New Orleans 103 Portland 103 Houston 100 Atlanta 110 Utah 87

L.A. Clippers 106 Denver 93 L.A. Lakers 99 Phoenix 95 Tonight's games (All times Eastern)

(All times Eastern)
San Antonio al Indiana, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 5 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Houston at Orlando, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.L. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.L. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING AVERAGE

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	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	32	294	250	892	27.9
Stoudemire, NYK	34	340	213	899	26.4
Ellis, GOL	35	333	163	888	25.4
Bryant, LAL	36	315	226	905	25.1
Wade, MIA	35	301	242	875	25.0
James, MIA	37	311	248	918	24.8
Anthony, DEN	27	228	185	656	24.3
Nowitzki, DAL	29	260	153	700	24.1
Rose, CHI	33	296	136	784	23.8
Gordon, LAC	33	258	203	775	23.5
Martin, HOU	35	235	263	812	23.2
Williams, UTA	36	255	226	797	22.1
Westbrook, OKC	36	272	239	794	22.1
Beasley, MIN	34	298	118	746	21.9
Griffin, LAC	35	292	173	761	21.7
Bargnani, TOR	29	234	116	620	21.4
Howard, ORL	33	244	217	705	21.4
Granger, IND	31	228	133	655	21.1
Gay, MEM	33	268	115	695	21.1
Love, MIN	36	250	208	756	21.0
Aldridge, POR	36	287	142	719	20.0
Scola, HOU	35	282	113	677	19.3
Randolph, MEM	31	241	112	597	19.3
Pierce, BOS	34	226	149	646	19.0
Ginobili, SAN	35	202	167	656	18.7
Lopez, NJN	35	234	187	655	18.7
West, NOR	35	263	120	648	18.5
Bosh, MIA	37	259	161	682	18.4
Jackson, CHA	31	200	108	571	18.4
Not including last	nigh	t's ga	mes		

FOOTBALL

NCAA

BOWL GAMES (All times Eastern) Last night's result GODADDY.COM BOWL At Mobile, Ala.
Miami (Ohio) 35 Middle Tennessee 21
Tonight's game
COTTON BOWL

At Arlington, Texas Texas A&M (9-3) vs. Louisiana State (10-2), 8

Tomorrow's game BBVA COMPASS BOWL

At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (7-5) vs. Kentucky (6-6), Noon
Sunday's game
FIGHT HUNGER BOWL

At San Francisco
Boston College (7-5) vs. Nevada (12-1), 9 p.m.

Monday's game BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Auburn (13-0) vs. Oregon (12-0), 8:30 p.m.

TENNIS

WTA TOUR ASB CLASSIC

Singles
Quarter-finals
Greta Arn, Hungary, def. Maria Sharapova (1), Russia, 6-2, 7-5.

Yanina Wickmaver (2), Belgium, def. Simona

Halep, Romania, 6-0, 6-2.
Julia Goerges (4), Germany, def. Kateryna
Bondarenko, Ukraine, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.
Peng Shuai, China, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-4, 7-5.

BRISBANE INTERNATIONAL

At Brisbane, Australia

Second Round

Robin Soderling (1), Sweden, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-37-6 (7). Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Denis Istomin

(8), Uzbekistan, 6-4, 6-4. **Quarter-finals** Andy Roddick (2), U.S., def. Marcos Baghdatis

(5), Cyprus, 6-2, 6-3. (5), Cyprus, 6-2, 6-3. Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

ATP CHENNAI OPEN

At Chennai, India Singles Second Round

Stanislas Wawrinka (3), Switzerland, def. David Goffin, Belgium, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3). Janko Tipsarevic (6), Serbia, def. Alexandre Kudryavtsev, Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (3). Robin Haase (8), Netherlands, def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, Kei Nishikori Janan def Aleiandro Falla Colombia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2,

SOCCER

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

Second Leg Round of 16 Yesterday's results Espanyol 1 Atletico Madrid 1 (Atletico Madrid advances on 2-1 aggregate) Getafe 1 Real Betis 3 (Real Betis advances 4-3) Levante 2 Real Madrid 0 (Real Madrid advances 8-2) Mallorca 3 Almeria 4 (Almeria advances 8-6)



Crossword

Across

1 Recipe meas. 4 Chops 8 Partner of Peter

and Mary

12 Overwhelm

13 Tiny bit

14 Grooving on

15 Exaggerated ad-

vertising 17 Favourable votes

18 Computer-use pe-

riod 19 X rating?

21 Neither's mate

22 Big bother

26 Virago

29 Corral

30 Moray, for one

31 Pork cut

32 Tavern

33 Corporate symbol

34 Regis and Kelly's

35 Weep 36 Feel

37 Attention-getting call

39 Sine — non

40 Suitable

41 Sans celebration

45 Lash

48 Pokey 50 Aid

51 Pennsylvania port

52 Actress Myrna 53 Unmatched

54 Landlord's due 55 R&R

1 Forbidden (Var.)

3 Hide

4 Pile-up area in a

2 Trade

26 Dispatch 27 Vagrant

12 13 14 15 16 18 20 19 22 24 25 23 27 29 28 26 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 44 43 46 47 48 49 45 51 53 54 55

5 Former anesthetic

6 Court 7 Suffocate

8 Schroeder's instrument

9 Whatever number 10 Salt Lake athlete

11 Part of UCLA 16 Irish export

20 A billion years 23 Drudge

24 Stamina 25 Lotion additive

28 Puerto -

29 Remuneration

47 Under the weather 32 "Whew!" 33 Draft in an apart- 49 Raw rock

ment? ► Yesterday's answer 35 Police officer

36 Western event 38 Glad 39 Keystone of an

arch 42 Wrinkly fruit 43 Lunchtime.

maybe

44 17th-century actress Nell 45 Personal question?

46 Coop For today's crossword answers and for

Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Frida	y's answ	er 🕨

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To Susie Q. Sweet gal from Super Mare! You'll have more time to ride your gelding Tazz, but our hallways will be naked, lacking your radiant ambiance that flows like nectarous honey. Forget us not mellifluous lady as you move into the years of your

prime.Luv ci

A look at the weather

TODAY Min -4° Amax -2°

SATURDAY Min -9 Max -8° SLINDAY Min -18° Max -14°

Andrew Schultz. BI Meteorologist "I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 6AM



Today's horoscope

↑ Aries March 21-April 20

Someone a little bit exotic will come into your life either today or over the weekend and you just might fall head over heels for them.

¥ Taurus Anril 21-May 21 If

you need to sort out your financial situation you have no alternative but to meet others halfway, even if it means you end up with slightly less than you think you deserve.

II Gemini May 22-June 21 A

relationship has been but under quite a bit of strain in recent weeks, but the good news is that love planet Venus is now very much on your side, so you can kiss and make up in no time at all. Get

on what is in front of you at this moment in time and put wishful thinking behind you, at least for a while. Take care of practical matters and let the cosmic powers that be take care of your dreams.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23 Venus moves into the most decisive and dynamic area of the sky today, making it easy to do something of consequence with your creative potential.

MP Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You cial invitation in order to spend time with someone who needs your emotional support. They've been there for you in the past, now it's

Cancer June 22-July 22 Focus

may have to turn down a soyour turn to lend a hand.

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your ruler and planet of love, moves into the most open and outgoing area of your chart today, so Friday night is most definitely party night.

M Scorpio oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be tempted to throw your cash around like it's just worthless bits of paper which is not like you at all. Could it be you have discovered there is something more important than money

→ Sagittarius

Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Venus, planet of emotional and material values, moves into your sign today and you will feel lighter on just about every level. Whatever has been worrving you will make you laugh.

り Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You're not usually the sort to fall for a sob story but someone who comes to you with a tale of woe today will get your full attention.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Make good use of your talent for getting people with very different personalities to work together toward a common goal. Take the lead and show them how much can be achieved if, for once, you all pull in the same direction.

H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Get tough with someone who is giving you a hard time. You may be a nice guy by nature but you don't have to put up with this sort of nonsense.



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